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The 1951 plan for the Stalingrad GES, which consisted mainly of preliminary work, was completed 200 percent.(7) During the year, the personnel of Stalingradgidrostroy has tripled in the lower brackets and the number of specialists with university educations has increased four times.(2)

Since the main construction unit will be located on the left bank of the river, about 80 percent of the builders will be living in the town of builders which is now under construction there. A majority of the 80 residential buildings which were under construction in 1951 have been completed, but further construction was stopped pending approval of general plans for the town.(1)

The planned work for 1952 is 2.6 times greater than in 1951, and the preliminary work includes building 77,000 square meters of living space.(2) The digging of the 6-kilometer-long Volga-Akhtuba connecting canal will be the main item of the actual construction work planned for 1952. The canal will keep the Akhtuba navigable after its present source has been filled in.(1) Some dredging for the canal began in fall 1951 after the arrival at Krit Island of a dredge built at the Stalingrad Shipyard. To complete the canal, over 3 million cubic meters of earth will have to be dredged.(8)

The GES dam will cross the Volga at the northern tip of the large Lesnoy Island at the point where the Akhtuba branches off the main stream of the river. Taking advantage of the river's frozen condition in the winter, materials, machinery, and other supplies were transported to the island in preparation for the start of building activities in spring 1952.(9) The structure housing the power plant will be as high as a building 12 stories high, and together with the concrete spillway, will be located on Peschanyy Island.(10)

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